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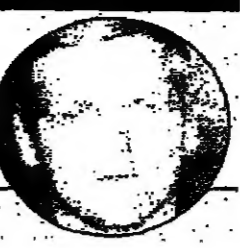
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Hume says celibacy law may go

Madeleine Bunting Religious Affairs Editor

CARDINAL Basil Hume dramatically intervened in the controversy over the resignation of the bishop who formed a long-standing friendship with a divorcee yesterday by suggesting that the insistence on celibacy for Roman Catholic priests could be changed.



Holy orders

THERE were 5,229 priests in England and Wales in 1994, the last year for which figures are available. In 1981 there were 7,095.

In his intervention, the cardinal has touched upon an anomaly which allows married former Anglican priests to work alongside Catholic priests who would have liked to marry but could not.

grave move in a highly sensitive debate. Pope John Paul II has insisted that the celibacy requirement must stay, and bishops who step out of line on the question have even found themselves summoned to Rome to discuss the matter.

"Many of us would find it very hard to give all our energy and our time to our ministry and to give good quality time to our families," he said.



Margaret Bent and the man she accused of stalking her, Dennis Chambers

PHOTOGRAPH JOHN STILLWELL

'It is extremely difficult to prove intent in matters of psychiatric or psychological harm'

- Judge Quentin Campbell

Law change call after stalking case acquittal

Christopher Elliott

VICTIMS support groups demanded a change in the law last night after a jury was ordered to clear a 37-year-old driver who offered no defence to a charge of stalking a woman for four years.

wards before he was convicted of raping her. But yesterday the National Association of Victims Support Schemes said the new laws should go further and give alleged victims of domestic or sexual violence the right not to be examined by a doctor.

doing it. Women should be allowed to walk the streets without fear of such behaviour." Her mother, Lillah Cummings, aged 48, said: "I feel bloody bitter. I'm really annoyed about what happened. He made her life a hell for four years, not only hers, but everyone in her family and her friends."

received a string of parking tickets, summonses and threatening letters from bailiffs, she claimed. Miss Bent, her family and women's groups were critical of the legal system. Julie Bindel of the Justice for Women group said: "If women victims of stalking felt that the law was working in their favour then this would encourage more reports to the police and I would go some way in securing convictions."

Pensions giant sticks by £10bn bet on stock market crash

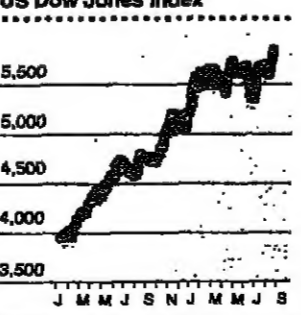
Paul Murphy and Pauline Springett

ONE of Britain's biggest managers of pension money said yesterday it intended to stick with an extraordinary £10 billion bet that stock markets in Britain and the US are grossly overvalued and that share prices are due to crash.

worth £50 billion, is so convinced Britain is about to face its biggest stock market crash since October 1987 that it has already effectively cost the pension funds it manages £3 billion during its 18-month gamble.

Missed opportunity

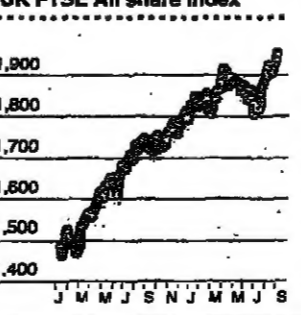
How markets soared, 1995-96



15 per cent of the assets under its management in cash. That meant PDFM, and the funds it manages, has missed out on one of the biggest stock market rallies in recent years. It trails in the City's league tables, currently under-performing by more than 6 per cent.

Flat return

How PDFM missed out



"Tony Dye (PDFM's head of investment) has been telling us for 18 months that a share price crash was imminent. We are very concerned and we have now given them six months to start performing."

"The degree of overvaluation in the UK and US stock markets is unprecedented. If you have done all the analysis which leads you to that view - and nothing happens to change it - then you have to suffer by it."

Mr Yates admitted that several clients - who range from drugs giant Glaxo to the University of Edinburgh - had voiced concerns. "We have had to do a lot of work explaining our strategy to clients. We have had a very difficult year. But in the longer term people know we have got things right and if we changed tack now half the clients would probably walk out," he added.

Inside Britain A boy aged 12 set off for school armed with a sawn-off shotgun and cartridges inscribed with the names of fellow pupils.

World News Spanish secret service agents used beggars as guinea pigs to test drugs they planned to use on terrorists, it was reported.

Finance About 5 million people working for smaller companies are facing huge shortfalls in their pension provisions, new research shows.

Sport Jürgen Klinsmann may be on his way back to English football as Everton and Blackburn began negotiations for his signature.

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Sketch

End of storey for house of sorrow



Derek Brown

THE sound of pneumatic drilling was bouncing off the tall secret walls and echoing in the twisting alleys of Jerusalem's Old City...

Yet the raucous bursts of noise were deceptive. This was no set-piece confrontation, no battle of wills. It was just another demolition, another chipping away at the notion that Jerusalem is or can be a shared place.

The extension should never have been built, according to the authorities. This is one of the more puzzling concepts of this Holy City...

man, in the sombre black garb of a yeshiva student, seemed to agree. "This is good," he murmured as he watched the demolition crew at work.

Any confrontation in which one side fails to turn up is inevitably boring. What the Israeli security forces tend to do in these circumstances is to eat, Snacks, sandwiches and canned drinks appeared, and disappeared.

Last month, there was a fine hulla-balloo when Israeli soldiers bulldozed a building in the Muslim Quarter which, the authorities said, had been illegally constructed by the PLO-run Palestinian Authority.

West Bank — which frequently results in them losing their Jerusalem identity cards, and any future right to live in the city of their forebears.

'Alternative vision for Europe' at odds with French-German pact to curb spending

Britain snubs Euro deal

lan Black in London and Ian Traynor in Berlin

BRITAIN and its European partners are heading for a renewed confrontation today as the Conservative Party conference...

Finance and banking officials of the two countries met in Bavaria yesterday to dovetail their fiscal policies ahead of monetary union...

termin Dublin summit on October 5-6. John Major's cabinet will be caught between conflicting pressures from Brussels and its own Euro-sceptics on the eve of the Conservative Party conference...

now, been conceded." Mr Rifkind will say in an address to mark the 50th anniversary of Winston Churchill's famous "United States of Europe" speech after the second world war.

With the BSE crisis still damaging cross-Channel relations, ministers are desperate not to give ground to sceptics who want British membership of a single currency ruled out in the lifetime of the 1997-2002 parliament.

But the foreign secretary's fence-straddling — preaching flexibility on some fronts yet opposing it on others — may open him to charges that he wants the issue both ways.

Memoirs set to upstage Tories

Andrew Cliff Media Correspondent

THE most eagerly anticipated political memoirs since Alan Clark's indiscreet diaries are to be broadcast daily during the week of the Conservative Party conference.

The content is being closely guarded by publishers Random House, but a BBC source said: "It won't be like Jackanory — it should be pretty raw stuff."



Alan Bennett and the Dean of Westminster yesterday

Abbey unveils memorial to God-hating poet

John Ezard

WITH a touch of awkwardness, Westminster Abbey last night took into its safe keeping the memory of A.E. Housman...

The poet who wrote of "man's bedevilment and God's" and said, "the troubles of our proud and angry dust are from eternity and shall not fall" had a memorial window unveiled to him in Poets' Corner.

Bennett, novelist Iris Murdoch and the late Sir Kingsley Amis, to Housman's most famous surviving pupil, the politician Enoch Powell.

The ceremony — in the centenary year of his most beloved work, A Shropshire Lad — set him beside the old Christians and more recent atheists and agnostics, like Philip Larkin...



The memorial window in honour of A.E. Housman, below



Alan Bennett

Advertisement for 'Neverwhere' by Neil Gaiman, featuring the text 'You can't always look the other way' and 'NEVERWHERE neil gaiman'.

Review

Play Misty for us again, ole buddy

Caroline Sullivan

Johnny Mathis Royal Albert Hall

SID Vicious must be turning in his grave at the idea that Mancini, Mantovani and Manilow, the holy trinity of lounge music, are currently trendier than the reformed Sex Pistols...

But if Mathis was piqued at being as unfashionable as ever, he gave no sign of it at the first of two London shows. He had other things on his mind. This is his 40th year in music...

He doesn't let you forget that, either. The four programme bulged with photos of Mathis advising the great and the good, from Hillary Clinton to Snoop Doggy Dogg.

has no truck with gangsta rap, any more than with any other form of black music. This show toys with ethnicity just once, in jazz, and even that is smothered with violins.

Music like this demands more of the singer than of the audience. What could be more sycaritic than to listen to that perfect tenor caressing the whole of the Radio 2 playlist?

Mathis consolidated his triumph by having as the interval act a comedian called Gary Muleader. If Johnny was vintage champagne, Gary was Budweiser, fully equipped with jokes about dyslexics and peeing pigeons.

Spaghetti Junction to get Europe's biggest cinema

Nick Varley

FIRST it was a new beach. Now the country's most reviled road junction will be boosted by another attraction: Europe's biggest cinema.

Developers plan to build the 30-screen complex, seating 6,500 people, on a 25-acre site near Spaghetti Junction in Birmingham.

"We expect this to be a major attraction for people from all over the area," Don said. "People will come from miles away."

Police foil plot to kidnap Indian cricket star Kapil Dev

Suzanne Goldenberg in New Delhi

INDIAN police claim to have thwarted a plot to deprive the country of one of its sporting heroes, the former cricket captain Kapil Dev...

"Thank God that their plan did not succeed. We uncovered their plan before any damage was done," said Punjab police chief Subh Singh.

Pension giant bet £10bn on market crash

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PDPM has also taken the view that inflation was set to soar in the run-up to the general election. That decision involved it buying up to £3 billion in stocks of index-linked government debt in preference to shares.

Pension funds, on the other hand — with the responsibility for supporting millions of individuals through old age — tend to follow extremely rigid investment guidelines.

مكتبات الصحف

Question for all British voters: Is Tony Blair a Liberal?

Michael White looks at the historical causes and present-day symptoms that have led the Labour leader to move towards the political values of the heroes of the Liberal tradition, rather than his own party's founding fathers

THESE are dangerous times for a Labour leader, who is simultaneously trying to shed one political identity and take on a new one without being quite sure what it is. All this, and trying to win a general election too.

Hardly surprising then, that in the space of any one week Tony Blair now runs the risk of being called a demon-eyed leftist by cabinet ministers and a closet-Tory by disillusioned Labour MPs and activists.

On David Frost's TV sofa he embraced the label social democrat, while cheerfully claiming the term is interchangeable with democratic socialist, not something which keepsers of the Old Labour flame would readily concede.

More shrewdly, some critics ask, is he an embryo-Liberal Democrat? Or a throw-back to the muscular New Liberalism of Asquith and Lloyd George, whose social reform programme ran into the storms of the first world war?

Which label is correct? None of them exactly. Why is it unclear? Because, like all shrewd politicians, Mr Blair the risk-taker is pragmatically feeling his way. He will only know for certain what works when he is in power. First he must win. That means keeping options open. At a push they could include a cabinet seat for Paddy Ashdown and job for some of his boys.

he has persistently made his political strategy clear: to realign what he invariably calls "left of centre" British politics to re-create a winning coalition.

Almost exactly a year ago, on the eve of last year's Liberal Democrat conference he gave an interview to the Times which was specific enough to embarrass Mr Ashdown, even though the Lib Dem leader had abandoned his party's traditional policy of "equidistance" between its larger rivals four months earlier.

"I do not take a tribal view of politics. I do not believe that no idea of any worth can come from a party other than my own. I see a proper dialogue of ideas with the Liberal Democrats. There will be increased cooperation." Mr Blair told the Times.

He was also pretty clear where he was going a year earlier when he addressed the Fabians' Whatever Next? conference weeks before he won the party leadership in July 1994.

The "quasi-scientific" view of socialism, that is based on a notion of economic determinism and a particular view of class, had been Labour's dominant intellectual view since 1918, he said, the Clause 4 public ownership view. In the reaction against excessive government, that view had been vanquished by Thatcherism, he said.

What people were again ready for was what he believed in, "a set of values or beliefs, sometimes called ethical socialism." It stood for social justice and cohesion, for equality of opportunity — not outright equality of the older model — and restored community, collective action to mitigate harsh free-market individualism. Mr Blair's Christianity gives it its moralistic edge.

Blair's quest is that he carries little ideological baggage from the past. First elected to Parliament in 1993, he missed the bloody left-right battles of the 70s. He is not old rightwing Labour, either in the trade union or Gaitskellite sense, nor in the egalitarian mould which Tony Crosland bequeathed to Tony Hattersley. As late as 1994 he hardly knew Paddy Ashdown, leader of the merged Liberal-SDP party. Now they speak of each other with wary respect, their policies and their personalities more evidently compatible than any Lib-Lab combination since Jim Callaghan smooched David Steel into brief 1977-8 alliance.

In practical terms little will change between now and the election. What Mr Ashdown paradoxically calls "competition and cooperation" will prevail, as with the common blueprint for Scottish devolution — until Labour's recent U-turn. It is the fruit of bitter experience in the 80s. Parties may agree pacts, but pacts do not deliver tactical voters in key marginals where one party or the other is better placed to oust the Tory.

In any case, John Major is again poised to denounce the Lib Dems as Labour's Trojan Horse. Yet the outlines of future cooperation are clear. Even if Mr Blair wins a solid working majority next May he will seek working cooperation with the 20 or 30 Liberal Democrat MPs who can be elected, widening consensus on Labour's legislative programme wherever possible.

Not only will that help him balance Labour's residual leftwing — its democratic socialist wing — it will pre-

ent voters with a model of non-Tory majority rule, radical, progressive rule as the New Liberals of 1905 might have put it.

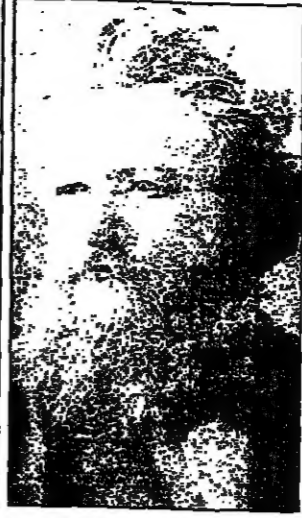
Yet the Blairite scenario contains its own paradox. Mr Ashdown's price for cooperation will be electoral reform. Wary John Smith promised a referendum on proportional representation (PR) for Westminster. Even warier, Mr Blair has nonetheless edged towards accepting the limited alternative vote system of PR which would yield the Lib Dems extra seats.

But what is sauce for the social democratic goose is sauce for the democratic socialist gander. The logic of PR would also give Mr Blair's Old Labour critics and their union allies a chance to resign. Little wonder that he proceeds with caution.



Role models

LABOUR: Flair, union strength, political acumen



WILLIAM MORRIS (1834-96)
One of the key influences that shaped the Labour Party. When the party was formed, it owed less to the Marxism of the Continent and more to the romantic strain in Morris's writings. Much of his work was infused with his opposition to mass production and high finance, neither of which Mr Blair would agree with, even though he would appreciate Morris's role in creating a climate which made Marx difficult to flourish. Much of his philosophy stemmed from the conviction that the Industrial Revolution destroyed arts and crafts of skilled workers.

LIBERAL: Reforming zeal, pragmatism



WILLIAM GLADSTONE (1809-98)
Liberal Prime Minister and one of the great reformers of the last century, leaving the Liberals with a reputation for radical change. His measures included extension of the ballot and the first national education system for England. Mr Blair, whose philosophy is underpinned by his Christian beliefs, might appreciate Gladstone's linking of religion and politics. The Liberal Party inherited a tradition of eccentricity, a love of idiosyncratic causes, that can be traced back to Gladstone, not least what was described at the time as his work with "fallen women".



KEIR HARDIE (1856-1915)
One of Labour Party's founders, whose philosophy was shaped by his tough upbringing in Scotland. He was strongly opposed to the Liberal Party, in particular any attempt by it to influence the trade unions. He advocated socialism and the creation of a separate party to deliver it rather than the socialist groups and unions operating independently as pressure groups on the Liberal Party. This runs counter to the present mood, which sees Labour move closer towards a post-election pact and possible merger with Liberal Democrats.



LOYD GEORGE (1863-1945)
Liberal Prime Minister who laid the foundations for the welfare state, introducing old age pensions and national insurance. He pushed through the 1911 Parliament Act that restricted the power of the Lords and confirmed the ascendancy of the Commons. On top of this, he established a tradition of pragmatism, prepared to enter into pacts with other parties to secure a share of power. On the latter trait, Lord Beaverbrook said: "He did not care in which direction the car was travelling, so long as he remained in the driver's seat."



HERBERT MORRISON (1886-1965)
One of the most formidable figures in the 1945 Attlee Government. His political acumen ensured Labour was able to enact the huge body of legislation that created the modern welfare state, especially the National Health Service. He created a powerful role for himself, pulling together various key posts, including deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Commons, a combination that ensured Labour was able to get its programme through. Mr Blair could find inspiration in the extent to which he centralised power. He was not universally admired, with Hugh Dalton describing the leadership contest between Attlee and Morrison as a "a choice between a nonentity and a drunk".



JOHN MAYNARD KEYNES (1883-1946)
The economist who provided a rational economic basis for the welfare state. His two great works, *A Treatise on Money* (1930) and *General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money* (1933), argued that a stagnant economy can be revived through investment, that unemployment was not inevitable and set out new principles on the flows of income and expenditure. These ideas influenced Roosevelt's New Deal programme, post-war Labour governments and even Tory governments up until Thatcher.

He regards the party he leads as a failure

Commentary



Martin Kettle

WHY cannot the leaders of the Labour Party face the fact that they are not secretaries of an outworn creed, mummified, moss-grown demi-semi Fabian Marxism, but the heirs of eternal Liberalism?

reluctant to utter the S-word. But the "ism" that really gives them trouble isn't the S-word at all. It is the one that, albeit for peculiarly American reasons, haunted the presidential campaign of Michael Dukakis (remember him?) eight Septembers ago. It is the L-word — Liberalism.

the sway of the individualistic, laissez-faire ideas of Cobden and Spencer. But now, under the influence of Hegel and his British disciple T. H. Green, they demanded collective solutions, the use of governmental power to achieve them, and placed a priority on social reform.

plundered in a characteristically opportunistic way by Asquith's Chancellor and successor, Lloyd George. They had immense influence on the thinking of Ramsay MacDonald. And they provided the early crucible for the thinking of Keynes, the defining public intellectual of our country in this century.

practitioners of contemporary reformism. Too few people have perhaps understood where all this is leading. Blair is not travelling in a land without maps. His speeches clearly say that he is trying to redraw the dividing lines of British politics between the individualists and what, echoing David Selbourne, he has called the "socialists".

to believe in the fundamental validity of the socialist legacy of which they see themselves as the bearers. That Fabian lecture was the occasion when Blair approvingly quoted a pregnant remark of David Marquand that says it all: "The Labour Party has faced essentially the same problem since the 1930s: how to transcend Labourism without betraying the labour interest; how to bridge the gap between the old Labour fortresses and the potentially anti-Conservative, but non-Labour hinterland; how to construct a broad-based and enduring social coalition capable, not just of giving it a temporary majority in the Commons, but of sustaining a reforming government thereafter".

4 BRITAIN

EU in cash threat over beef cull

Stephen Bates in Brussels

THE European Union might withhold millions of pounds in subsidies to compensate the beef industry for the BSE scare if the Government backs away from the large scale cull agreed at the Florence summit...

since the export ban is unlikely to be lifted in the near future and they might as well reap what political capital they can from standing out against Europe.

The warning came as Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, returned to London to report that there was no prospect of other EU members accepting plans for a reduced cull of cattle based on the latest Oxford statistical survey...

Neither the European Commission nor other member states were prepared to support the Government's suggestion that it was unnecessary to slaughter up to 147,000 additional cattle at risk of catching the disease...

The EU is committed to contributing about £250 million — 70 per cent of the cost — of Britain's slaughter of all cattle aged over 30 months, but compensation has yet to be agreed for the selective slaughter of other animals at risk.

European diplomats, including some British, believe the Government has decided there is no point in carrying out the culling programme



See through gallery... the early 20th century room at the National Portrait Gallery in London where pictures are hung on glass walls

PHOTOGRAPH BY MARTIN ANGLIS

Literary feathers are ruffled over missing faces at remodelled portrait gallery

Stuart Millar

IT COST £1.3 million and boasts the country's first see-through gallery. But less than a week after opening, Piers Gough's refurbishment of the Victorian and early 20th century rooms at the National Portrait Gallery in London is at

the centre of a bitter row. While experts appear to have accepted the architect's visionary idea of hanging the early 20th century portraits on glass walls so that visitors can see both the backs of the pictures on the other side and the people looking at them, critics yesterday accused the gallery of substituting trite aesthetics for historical content.

Maurice Baring, Andrew Saunders, professor of English at Durham University and a writer on English literature, said: "There are pictures of nonentities at the expense of these central figures. It is aesthetically impressive but intellectually minimised."

There are now more people represented in the 30 years since 1960 than in the whole period from 1830 to the turn of the century, yet this was perhaps the most important period in our cultural history.

Peter Funnell, the 19th century curator, said there was not enough space to show everything and some pictures were light sensitive.

Shotgun taken to school by boy with 'hit list', court told

A BOY aged 12 set off for school armed with a sawn-off shotgun and cartridges inscribed with the names of fellow pupils, the High Court in Edinburgh was told yesterday.

The boy had told friends that he planned to shoot children at his secondary school and had drawn up a "hit list" of names. He had earlier been punished after he was caught stealing a computer mouse at school and there were rumours that he had been "grassed" on.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, yesterday admitted possessing the gun — which he took from his father's gun cabinet — on a bus on his way to school and at the school in the south-west of Scotland in May.

He also admitted possessing an air pistol and ammunition and two knives at the school

on the same day, stealing the gun and shortening its barrel with a hacksaw, and stealing the computer mouse.

Advocate depute Gerard Moynihan told the court the boy was seen at school with the gun, and had one cartridge with his nickname written on it.

"He was then seen to take the shotgun and place the barrel of it under his chin," a girl told him not to be so stupid, and a bigger pupil picked him up and carried him away, telling him: "You are not going to kill yourself."

Mr Moynihan told Judge Robin McEwan QC that the boy has been seen by a psychiatrist and there was no suggestion of mental illness.

The judge adjourned the case until October 8 for the preparation of reports. The boy's detention in a secure school was continued.

Straw defends plan to curb noise 'hell'

Jail proposals blur boundaries of court justice, says Liberty

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

A PROPOSED four-year prison sentence for persistently noisy neighbours was defended yesterday by the shadow home secretary, Jack Straw, who said it would bring relief to thousands of families whose lives were being made hell in their own homes.

Mr Straw's critics welcomed "a better balanced approach" in the latest version of his package to deal with "criminal neighbours", saying there was more emphasis on the need for preventive

measures such as mediation before resorting to the new community safety orders.

But Mr Straw, defending his proposal to introduce a maximum four-year prison sentence for those who failed to comply with the new civil court injunctions, argued it was in line with the hell created by criminal families responsible for persistent noise, vandalism, violence and racial harassment.

"The problem is that it is very difficult for current criminal offences to capture this kind of intimidation and harassment," he said. "This remedy will provide much needed relief for thousands of victims."

The proposals, first launched a year ago under the title, A Quiet Life, are designed to replace the cumbersome current procedure to evict noisy neighbours which only apply to council tenants. There are more than 200,000 complaints a year about noise to local authorities.

The plan attracted criticism from the civil liberties organisation, Liberty, and some lawyers because it allows an injunction to be obtained with a lower standard of proof in the county court — the balance of probabilities — rather than the "beyond reasonable doubt" test in the criminal courts. The order can only be obtained by a senior police officer or council official.

John Wadham, director of Liberty, said Labour's proposals "blur the boundaries between civil and criminal law."

Labour's proposals

- Community Safety Order from court would ban anti-social behaviour by named individual. Could include curfew and exclusion orders or restrictions on approaching individuals. Breach of order could attract prison sentence of up to four years.
- Separate fast-track eviction order in cases involving intimidation or harassment.
- Witness protection extended to civil cases. Evidence presented anonymously in court or by proxy through professional witnesses.
- Neighbourhood nuisance squads to work with police.

damaging the principle of the presumption of innocence. In order to convict people of criminal offences there must be more resources to prosecute rather than taking away people's rights to a fair trial.

But Mr Straw said it was justified to end the "night after night of utter misery" being experienced by some

families, particularly on high crime estates where they were too scared to give evidence.

One new aspect of the package is its reliance on "professional witnesses" such as private detectives to be used to gather evidence of harassment or intimidation on a round-the-clock basis. In

cases where there was a real risk of intimidation or reprisal they may give evidence on behalf of victims in court.

Mr Straw said the proposals were triggered by problems in his Blackburn constituency, which were created by a family whose five members had been arrested 54 times in three years but refused to change their behaviour.

Paul Cavadinio, chair of the Penal Affairs Consortium, which represents 31 organisations working in the criminal justice system, said the new version was better balanced with more emphasis on mediation and other preventive measures. "However, it cannot be right to use severe criminal penalties of up to four years' imprisonment for cumulative behaviour most of which has not been proved to a criminal standard," he said.

Digging for dirt on the neighbours

Alex Bellis

IF EVERYBODY needs good neighbours, then perhaps there is a fair price to find out just how saintly they are. For such a fee prospective home buyers can now hire a private detective to check out whether or not neighbours-to-be will be the stuff of nightmares.

Sleuths working for the Home Counties-based Answers Detective Agency, will search credit records,

check local and national press, and in some cases, do overnight surveillance.

"We are trying to paint a picture of where someone lives," says Nigel Parsons, a director of Answers. He claims to offer a vital service to people likely to be driven to despair by neighbours with irritating habits. On at least two occasions, information gathered has put buyers off.

The first step is to check the electoral roll. If a property nearby has had several residents in a short period, they

could be "irregular occupants" — perhaps raucous students. Legal credit searches may reveal a history of bad debts, which if the place is a flat in a shared block, could mean the neighbour defaulting on shared maintenance bills.

Investigating the freeholder sometimes leads to discovering other properties they own where they have caused problems with the lease.

The private eyes will also engage in more traditional methods of investigation, like stalk-

ing an area out. "One Saturday night in a very nice quiet neighbourhood, a girl came out onto the balcony and started screaming. She was having a heated argument with a bloke who then left the house and drove off, hitting a parked car. The same thing happened the following week. It was a local pantomime."

Detectives will also chat to locals and the person in the corner shop. Mr Parsons added: "We are not being intrusive. Information we obtain is more or less public access."

Rifkind in talks with Swiss over fate of £4bn gold looted by Nazis

Richard Norton-Taylor

MALCOLM Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, will today question the Swiss government about its reported willingness to renegotiate a 1946 agreement whereby only a small fraction of gold looted by the Nazis and deposited in its banks was recovered by the wartime Allies.

He agreed to raise the issue with his Swiss counterpart, Flavio Cotti, after a meeting yesterday with Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester West and chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust.

The Swiss agreed earlier this week to investigate claims that £4 billion of the gold was deposited in its banks, and have hinted they are prepared to reopen the postwar deal with the Allies.

In a further development over Nazi loot, Mr Rifkind also agreed to consider whether the residue of the

gold held by Britain and the United States — including about £40 million worth in the Bank of England — should be distributed to Holocaust victims or their relatives, rather than to governments.

The Foreign Office last week issued a report suggesting Nazi gold worth nearly £4 billion at today's prices was deposited in Swiss banks. Only 12 per cent of that was recovered by the Allies.

Yesterday, it issued a new document which showed that the allied Tripartite Gold Commission has distributed the bulk of gold worth £2.7 billion in today's prices seized by the Allies.

Gordon Brown one of 13 MPs to reject 26pc pay increase

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

THE shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, has rejected his 26 per cent pay rise MPs voted for themselves in July, it emerged yesterday. He told the Commons Fees Office, which deals with MPs' pay, to restrict his rise to 3 per cent. His office refused to comment, but one explanation is that he is preparing the ground for a tough public sector pay regime. If Labour wins the election, he would be open to charges of hypocrisy if he called for small pay rises for public service employees while personally accepting a big one.

A higher than expected number of MPs have, like Mr Brown, refused to accept the rise MPs voted for themselves in July, taking the pay for backbenchers and most of the shadow cabinet from £34,065 to

£43,000. The Fees Office, while refusing to disclose the identity of the MPs, disclosed yesterday that 13 out of 650 MPs had not taken the full increase.

It had been thought that only two or three MPs would not accept the rise. Shortly after the MPs' vote, only two MPs publicly declared they would not accept it — Tony Blair and the Labour left-winger Chris Mullin, MP for Sunderland South.

Although the 13 is higher than expected, it is far fewer than the 170 MPs who had voted for 3 per cent.

Tony Blair said that as Opposition leader he was already well paid, and would only take 3 per cent. John Major opposed the rise but Downing Street refused to say yesterday whether he had accepted his £17,340 increase.

Mr Mullin said before the summer he would take a 3 per cent rise but give the rest away.

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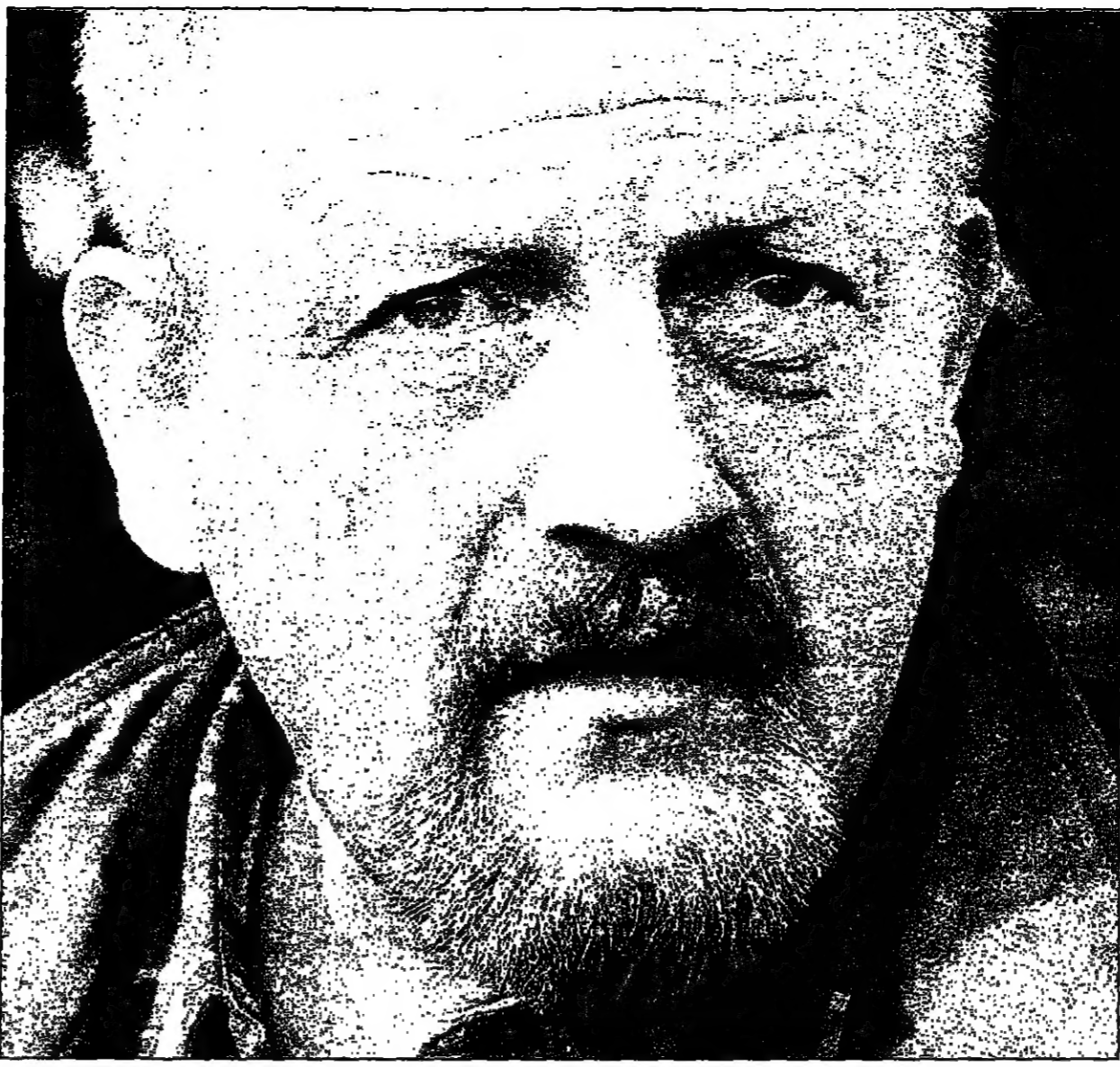
Hostage in jungle 'kept like a pig'

Christopher Elliott

BRITISH hostage freed after being held for seven months by guerrillas in the Colombian jungle said yesterday that his captors treated him 'no better or worse than if he had a cow or pig'.

Bogota by guerrillas of the National Liberation Army.

Speaking in Copenhagen yesterday, company representatives who negotiated for the men's release refused to confirm reports they had paid £1.4 million ransom to the guerrillas, and would only say they were "very pleased and relieved" their employees had been freed.



Freed Colombian kidnap victim Philip Halden yesterday. He was held by guerrillas for seven months PHOTOGRAPH: MIKE SCOTT

Mr Halden, 48, who was seized in February a month after arriving there to work, returned to his Staffordshire home last night where he is recovering with his wife, Dolores, 47, and four children.

BNFL among top charity donors

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

CHARM offensive by British Nuclear Fuels has sent it soaring into the top 10 of corporate donors to charity, a survey today shows.

that British Telecom remains the leading giver. Its £15.2 million figure for community contributions in 1995 came well ahead of three companies in second place, all reporting £10.7 million.

Table with columns: Top donors 1995 (£m), 1994 ranking in brackets. Lists: British Telecom (15.2), Barclays (10.7), Glaxo Wellcome (10.7), NatWest (10.7), Allied Domecq (5.8), Marks & Spencer (5.1), British Nuclear Fuels (4.5), Midland Bank (4.0), British Airways (3.5), GrandMet (3.0), Reuters (3.0).

Total community contributions ** 18-month figure

pany to the tune of £1.1 million, and Reuter. Arriving at number 39 in the ranking of cash donors is RJB Mining, which bought most of British Coal's remaining pits and has ploughed £863,000 into causes in mining communities.

The survey found that the top 100 cash donors together gave about 4 per cent more in 1995 than in 1994, compared to inflation of 2.9 per cent.

However, Alison Benjamin, the magazine's editor, warned that the assessment was a rough one. She said: "Unfortunately, charitable donation figures are similar to crime figures: a rise is often attributable to better reporting, rather than an actual increase."

Bungles 'aided IRA jail escape'

Alan Travis, Home Affairs Editor

AN ESCAPING IRA man shot a prison guard and held others at bay while five other inmates staged a breakout from one of Britain's top security prisons, a jury was told yesterday.

As a prison officer, John Kettleborough, staggered to safety with blood pouring from a stomach wound, the top security inmates cut through two five metre high fences and scaled a perimeter wall at Whitmore prison, in Cambridgeshire, in September 1994.

Woolwich crown court, in south-east London, heard that the five IRA men and one armed robber were helped by a series of security blunders.

Despite the painstaking planning of their escape attempt, one was recaptured within two minutes, three were found 20 minutes later on a disused railway line, and the remaining two were spotted an hour and 40 minutes later hiding in a ditch.

'Trolley rage' conviction

A SHOPPER was punched, kicked and left sprawled in a cake display after a "trolley rage" attack in a supermarket, a court heard yesterday.

Joseph Wilkinson, 50, was attacked in the cake department of Morrisons in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, after tempers flared in two trolley ramming incidents.

'Wanderlust' teenager sought

THE parents of missing teenager Peter Kerry yesterday insisted they had done everything in their power to cure their son's wanderlust amid growing concern for his safety.

The interview was broadcast seven weeks ago on ABC national radio in Australia. A tape was sent to David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary. — John Currie

Education 'problem' admitted

A FRANK admission of the Government's vulnerability on education policy has been made in an overseas broadcast by Eric Forth, the education minister who has been given responsibility for taking legislation through the Commons to increase selection in the schools.

Oasis keep the faith

OASIS yesterday took their own clichéd behaviour to new heights by consoling the nation with the words: "It ain't over 'til it's over. Keep the faith."

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Communist Party political cadres are being sent in armed with expulsion threats to stifle separatist sentiments, reports John Gittings

China to 're-educate' Tibet's monks

TIBETAN monks are being threatened with expulsion from their monasteries if they fail to pass a political test in a tough drive by China to enforce discipline in its troubled border region. Teams of political instructors have descended on three well-known monasteries near Lhasa to conduct re-education classes. In a message smuggled out of Sera monastery, the monks say that they expect many will be "driven out" or arrested. But they declare that they are "keeping their commitment" to the Tibetan cause.

Detailed regulations about the political-education classes say monks must "be disciplined and listen very carefully... No one must leave early or make any noise." They are warned "not to cause any disruption in the classroom" and told that those who fail to study properly will be "struck out" of the monastery. The campaign reflects increasing alarm in China over unrest in Tibet and the neighbouring border region of Xinjiang, as well as a more patriotic mood being promoted nationwide. Yesterday, Beijing reacted sharply to the news of a possible meeting between the Dalai Lama — the exiled religious leader who is wor-

shipped by virtually all Tibetans — and Australia's prime minister, John Howard. A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said that a meeting would have an "unfavourable influence" on economic relations. Australia should be "clear-minded about the Dalai Lama who deceives international opinion and the leaders of some countries". For the first time since China's Cultural Revolution, Tibetan monks and nuns are being forced explicitly to repudiate the Dalai, whose pictures were banned from display last year. The monasteries of Sera, Drepung and Ganden near Lhasa have been chosen as test-beds for a political educa-

US holds talks with Taiwan

THE United States' deputy treasury secretary, Lawrence Summers, met Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, yesterday in the most important contact between officials of the two countries in nearly two years. China indicated last week it would be unhappy if the visit went ahead. But yesterday a foreign ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang, played down Beijing's unease, saying Washington had promised to stick to its "One China" principles. — Reuter.

Official red stamp of the Sera Monastery Democratic Management Committee. They say the purpose of the campaign is to "implant in the masses of the monks the views of the government" and to prevent "any activities aimed at splitting the motherland". Chinese authorities have previously refrained from insisting that the Dalai be repudiated, and the demand puts many loyal monks in an agonising situation. The official Chinese press has confirmed that a

"patriotic education campaign" is under way. The Chairman of the Tibet People's Congress, Raidi, warned recently in the Tibet Daily that "a lot of monasteries have become bases for separatist [separatist] activities", and that their "strongholds should be resolutely overthrown". Similar warnings are being issued in Xinjiang, a vast region where a majority of the population are non-Han Chinese Muslims. Yesterday's People's Daily quoted a call for "unity" by Zhang, the vice-chairman of China's Central Military Commission. Mr Zhang said this was the way to ensure that "any current or develop-

ing plots aimed at disrupting the stability of Xinjiang will be doomed to failure". The unrest in Tibet and Xinjiang comes at a time when China's external borders are more peaceful than in the past. Negotiations in Beijing between China, Russia and three central Asian neighbours were said yesterday to be making progress. But Beijing has been unable or unwilling to translate the theoretical "autonomy" given to the peoples of these regions into reality. In spite of recent economic reforms, memories of harsh treatment are still strong and are reinforced by the latest tough measures.



The 290ft Rainbow Bridge in Glen Canyon national park, Utah. Such spectacular landscapes are typical of the area President Clinton's national monument plan will preserve

Clinton's park provokes monumental row

Martin Walker in Washington

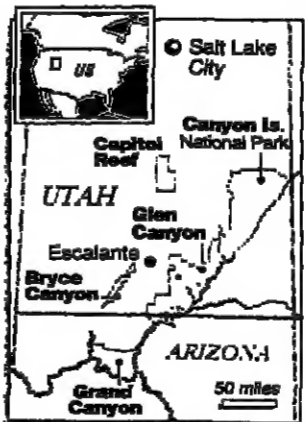
PRESIDENT Clinton files to the Grand Canyon today to delight environmentalists and outrage the solidly Republican state of Utah by declaring nearly 2 million acres of red-rock canyons a protected national monument. Republicans in Congress, the Utah legislature, and

mining interests were yesterday still lobbying against the decision, which would block development of the country's largest coal reserves, worth an estimated \$1,000 billion (\$965 million). But Mr Clinton does not need Congressional approval to grant monument status to the largest unprotected wilderness in America. Located between two existing national parks

Bryce Canyon and Capitol Reef, and Glen Canyon national recreation area, the monument takes in the Kaiparowits Plateau, the Escalante River Canyons and the Grand Staircase. It is a beautiful region, its caves and canyons filled with remains and rock paintings from the lost culture of the Anasazi natives. "There would be real hell to pay," warned Utah senator Orrin Hatch. His Repu-

lican colleague in the House of Representatives, Jim Hansen, called it "the biggest land grab in the nation". But even the Republicans acknowledge the allure of Mr Clinton going to the spot where President Teddy Roosevelt declared the Grand Canyon a national monument 88 years ago, to claim that his legacy of protecting the national heritage is complete.

"This will be a magnificent photo opportunity, with President Clinton standing in front of the most majestic scenery in the world to declare that he has protected Utah from the plunderers," said Robert Bennett, a Republican senator from the state. The plan promises to be legally messy, with about 200,000 acres of privately-owned land scattered through the area.



Killer admits bombing ANC's London office

David Beresford in Johannesburg

THE man who boasts of having been apartheid's most efficient assassin yesterday told a South African court how, during a mission to blow up the African National Congress headquarters in London, he was picked up by police at Heathrow airport but later released. Colonel Eugene de Kock, the former head of police death squad, said he was interrogated by British police for five hours about the sabotage mission in 1981. The team he was with had armed the bomb with a timer and it exploded as he was relaxing on his flight home to South Africa.

De Kock was recounting his part in South Africa's "dirty war" in mitigation after being convicted last month by the Pretoria Supreme Court on 89 charges, including six murders. On the second day of his testimony, De Kock continued to implicate leading politicians and commanders of the security forces in apartheid-era atrocities. He recalled an incursion into Lesotho in 1985 in which nine people — including women and children — had been killed. He said a plan he had drawn up for the attack had been submitted to a special presidential committee by Brig Schoon. "I then gave up the report and said: 'Go ahead,'" De Kock said. De Kock's testimony has provoked interest because of the effect it might have in forcing the commanders of the security forces to disclose key information to Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

He recalled his feelings when he had been told of the planned attack on Cosatu House, the offices of the Congress of South African Trade Unions. "I was amused, because we are now talking about terrorism on home ground," De Kock said. He said he had been told by his commanding officer, Brigadier Willem Schoon, who had given the orders, that they came from the highest authority. "I asked if this included the president, and he said 'Yes,'" De Kock said. It is the first time the former president — who is now living in retirement in a coastal resort — has been personally implicated in dirty tricks.

De Kock also told the court that Mr Botha had been involved in the planning of cross-border raids in which civilians were killed. He recalled an incursion into Lesotho in 1985 in which nine people — including women and children — had been killed. He said a plan he had drawn up for the attack had been submitted to a special presidential committee by Brig Schoon. "I then gave up the report and said: 'Go ahead,'" De Kock said. De Kock's testimony has provoked interest because of the effect it might have in forcing the commanders of the security forces to disclose key information to Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

TWA inquiry rebuts friendly-fire theory

Ian Katz in New York

FBI agents investigating the crash of TWA Flight 800 have sought to scotch persistent rumours that the jet was brought down by "friendly fire" from the United States military. They are also defending the inquiry from accusations that it is designed to support a cover-up by the US government. Theories that the Boeing 747 was accidentally shot down by a missile from a US military aircraft or ship have proliferated in recent weeks as investigators have failed to identify the cause of the crash. On Monday, officials strenuously denied that "friendly fire" was a possible cause.

The notion that this did happen and we — hundreds and hundreds of FBI agents and police officers and all the other folks — are covering this up is nonsense," said Jim Kallstrom, who is leading the investigation. Mr Kallstrom said his agents had thoroughly investigated the possibility that the jet was downed by US forces. The likelihood was "as close to zero as you can get, in my estimation," he said. But it will take more than official denials to silence the rumours circulating since the jet crashed off eastern Long Island on July 17 killing the 230 passengers and crew. Although investigators say privately they are convinced the aircraft was blown apart by a terrorist bomb, their refusal to rule out a missile has fuelled friendly-fire theories. Conspiracy theorists started by concentrating on Air National Guard exercises in the area at about the time the jet went down, suggesting that it might have been hit by a flare or missile fired by a National Guard aircraft. Air National Guard officials said the C-130 aircraft and MH-60 helicopter used were unarmed and no missiles were stored in the area. The friendly-fire theory took a new direction two weeks ago when an apparently authoritative message on the Internet declared: "Flight 800 was shot down by a US navy guided missile ship... in area W-105." Details such as the reference to W-105, a restricted military area of eastern Long Island, added credibility. Americans remember well the 1988 incident in which the USS Vincennes, a guided missile cruiser, accidentally shot down an Iranian Airbus killing all 280 on board. But the navy insists that the nearest missile cruiser, the USS Normandy, was more than 200 miles — well out of range — from the crash site. Investigators also say that an inventory of the ship's missiles showed that none was fired that night. Mr Kallstrom said he was "insulted" that he and his agents were being accused of a cover-up. But until they can convincingly determine the cause of the crash, he is likely to face many more insults.

The Democrats have a secret weapon — voters

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The president has swelled the electoral roll, and, more importantly, the number likely to vote for him. Martin Walker reports from Washington

THE Democrats call it their secret weapon. It is the so-called motor-voter law, passed by President Clinton in 1993, making it easier to register to vote. Registration can now take place when car licence plates are renewed each year, or on application for welfare or unemployment benefit. More than 5 million extra voters are now on the rolls, mostly the poor, the apathetic and ethnic minorities. If they vote, they are likely to vote Democrat. But however they cast their ballots, they should help right one of the abiding shames of American democracy. Voters have been turning off politics since 1960, when 83 per cent voted. The turnout

declined steadily to just over 50 per cent in 1988, recovering with Ross Perot's help to just over 55 per cent in 1992. But this improvement barely altered the widespread perception that Americans do not greatly care about their democracy or their participation in it. In fact, what this decline really represented was the lamentably low rate of voter registration. On average across the US, only two in three citizens eligible to vote are registered. In California in 1992, only 87 per cent were registered. Low turnout seems to have accompanied a decline in political loyalty. Until 1964, roughly 42 per cent of the electorate always voted

Republican, another 45 per cent always Democrat. Elections were decided by the 13 per cent in the middle. The biggest growth factor in American politics has been the number of registered independents, now almost one in three of registered voters. The overall vote should be larger this year than four years ago. For more than 30 years, the rising number of Hispanic residents has not been matched by an increase in Hispanic voters. With anxieties for "illegal" immigrants, this gap is closing fast, and Democrats expect this to give them an advantage. At the Dallas Cowboys' football stadium, 10,000 new Americans were sworn in yesterday, and another 15,000

take the oath today in San Jose. The President is creating new American voters at an unprecedented rate. Last year almost 500,000 new citizens were sworn in, then a record for the naturalisation process. By the end of this month, another 1.1 million Americans will have been created this year. The backlog of applications is being swept away and red tape slashed with such spirit that the Republicans complain that undesirables are slipping through the floodgates. They fear that the Democrats are abusing the new citizenship procedures to build up their vote. The Republicans are running on a platform which is less than friendly to immi-

grants, and vows a tough crackdown on illegals. A very large proportion of the people pledging their allegiance to the flag this year used to be illegal, and are unlikely to vote Republican. New citizens tend to feel a warmth towards the president whose portrait smiles benignly over their swearing in. In the big cities, the Democratic party organisations have in the past two years built some highly efficient systems to get the new citizens to register as Democrats, and to get them out to vote. But both parties have a potent historical trend to deal with. The majority of young voters are now the children of non-voting parents. In 1992, thanks to the Rock the Vote campaign and the spirited efforts of the MTV music channel to persuade young voters to register, the 18-29 electoral cohort voted in their highest numbers since the voting age was lowered to 18 in 1972. Those efforts continue, to Mr Clinton's relief. In addition to his commanding leads among the elderly and women, he finds strong support among the young. The latest field poll in California found them preferring him to Bob Dole by the extraordinary margin of 67-28, with the rest for Ross Perot.

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Plug pulled on Perot's inclusion in TV debates

ROSS PEROT will be excluded from the presidential candidates' three televised debates, despite polling more than 19 million votes in 1992 and campaigning this year on over \$29 million (\$20 million) of public funds, writes Martin Walker in Washington. The bipartisan debate commission decided unanimously that the Texas billionaire, candidate of the

new Reform Party, had no realistic chance of being elected president. They also dismissed his chances of winning a single state or electoral college vote. The recommendation may not be final. Mr Perot denounced "a travesty of justice" and demanded an appeal. Joint chairmen Frank Fahrenkopf and Paul Kirk, former chairmen respectively of the

Republican and Democratic parties, said yesterday that "if circumstances changed" and Mr Perot's poll ratings, currently no higher than 8 per cent, rose sharply, he could be invited to join the second or third debates. The chairmen said they took their decision after a unanimous recommendation by their advisory committee of academics and political scientists.

Sir James has achieved what was hitherto thought impossible: he has made the Home Secretary look like a moderate. Francis Wheen

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Young Belarussian soldiers cover their ears as a rocket-launcher fires during military exercises near Vitebsk, 190 miles from the capital Minsk PHOTOGRAPH: VASILY FEDOSENOV

Report claims human guinea pig died during secret service experiment 'code-named Mengele'

Spanish tramps 'used for drug tests'

Adela Gooch in Madrid
SPANISH secret service agents kidnapped beggars as guinea pigs for tests on drugs which they planned to use against terrorists, according to the latest devastating allegations about Spanish intelligence, published yesterday in the daily El Mundo.
The paper reported that three tramps, two of them sibling drug addicts, were seized in Madrid in July 1988 and injected with an anaesthetic. But the experiment, carried out by a well-known cardiologist, went wrong and one died. The human tests were a prelude to a wider plan to

kidnap a member of the Basque separatist organisation ETA in France and bring him to Spain for interrogation. The experiment was known by the code-name Mengele, after the Nazi doctor who experimented on Jews and as a wordplay on Mangano — the surname of the civil guard general then running the Casid military intelligence service.
The defence minister, Eduardo Serra, himself facing corruption charges, said yesterday that he could not confirm or deny the allegations and that they would be checked "to see what is true and what is not".
The report, based on Casid files obtained by El Mundo,

adds another dimension to the horrors uncovered by judicial and press inquiries into a botched "dirty war" against ETA in the 1980s. Twenty-seven people were killed, a third of whom proved to be unconnected to the group.
If confirmed, the allegations will harden the case against General Emilio Alonso Mangano, who already faces trial for setting up and running the Anti-Subversion Groups or GAL. He is said to have presided over torture chambers in a Civil Guard barracks in the Basque Country.
A former interior minister and his head of counter-terrorism also face charges. The human experiments

took place in the context of a two-year operation to kidnap ETA activist Josu Ternera in France. He was eventually seized by French police.
Testimony obtained by El Mundo said some of the 53 agents it said were involved also contains damaging detail of how they operated illegally in France, even using the diplomatic bag to smuggle in arms. The GAL operated mainly in southern France, frequently based as a safe haven by ETA members.
The agents stole cars to kidnap the beggars and flouted Casid's own rules by not compensating the owners.
"It looks like a horror story — horrific it certainly is but it is not a story," an editorial

in El Mundo said, calling on the government to get to the bottom of the "dirty war".
The report increases pressure on Spain's prime minister, José María Aznar, who used the GAL scandal to oust his Socialist predecessor Felipe González but who has appeared keen to lay it to rest since he came to power.
Journalists and judges were outraged by a cabinet decision just before the summer not to release secret service documents on the GAL requested by the courts. Mr Aznar said it was not in the public interest to do so and could damage Spain's relations with its allies.
Subsequently El Mundo, which spearheaded reporting

on the GAL, ran charges that Mr Serra had paid bribes and favoured relatives in his previous tenure at defence under the Socialists.
So far Mr Aznar has stood by him. Other members of his conservative Popular Party say that Mr Serra should resign and that the contrast with the party's attitude in opposition is hypocritical.
The Supreme Court will decide later this month whether to question Mr González over charges that he knew about the GAL, as speculation grows about the existence of a secret pact between the former and current prime ministers to play the issue down in return for soft opposition to the new government.

Bosnian voters hand power to hardliners

Mediators appear to have their work cut out, writes Julian Borger in Sarajevo

BOSNIA looked doomed to government by hard-line nationalists last night with more than 80 per cent of votes from weekend elections counted, suggesting international mediators face a struggle to force the country's Muslim, Serb and Croat leaders to share power.
It was already clear yesterday that the three members of the new joint presidency would be the Muslim leader, President Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian Serb separatist, Momcilo Krajisnik, and a leading Bosnian Croat nationalist, Kresimir Zubak.
Mr Izetbegovic appeared to have won the race for the chairmanship of the presidency with about 650,000 votes. Mr Krajisnik had 500,000.
The results suggest a very high Serb turnout, potentially well over 90 per cent. Muslim political leaders are expected to challenge the figure in the coming days, which are likely to be marked by appeals and procedural disputes.
Mr Krajisnik's challenge appeared to have been undermined by substantial splits in the Serb vote. His main challenger for the Serb seat on the joint presidency, Mladen Ivanic, had nearly 312,000 votes by last night.
Mr Izetbegovic's position appears to have been salvaged by a surprisingly poor showing by his main Muslim opponent, Haris Silajdzic, a former Bosnian prime minister, who had won only 14 per cent.
Kresimir Zubak, a leading member of the nationalist Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) appeared to have easily clinched the Croat seat in the tripartite presidency.
The full presidential results are expected to be published today, to be followed by elections for a joint parliament and for assemblies in the Muslim-Croat federation and the "Republika Srpska" (the Serb-run half of Bosnia).
The relatively strong showing by Mr Ivanic will provide some comfort to the American and European mediators who pushed for early elections in the hope of eroding the nationalist grip. But the

Paris joins Bonn in push for merged currencies

Ian Traynor in Berlin
GERMANY and France yesterday signalled their determination to merge their currencies in January 1999 as part of an overall European monetary union.
Despite misgivings from Britain about a single currency, key finance and banking officials from the two countries moved to dovetail their fiscal policies before this weekend's meeting of EU finance ministers and the crucial EU Dublin summit on October 5.
Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, said that the two countries had agreed on the outlines of a single-currency stability pact which would impose heavy fines on members whose budget deficits exceeded 3 per cent after 1999.
"We have reached very broad agreement on decisive issues," Mr Waigel said after the meeting in Kempten, Bavaria. "We are much further than I expected a year ago."
But the German Bundesbank chief, Hans Tietmeyer, said some details of the stability pact still had to be agreed, suggesting some French resistance.
Pressure on Britain is growing as Mr Kohl tries to break the stalemate at the EU rolling conference drafting a constitution for a more integrated Europe.
The signs are that Mr Kohl, the driving force behind European integration, has returned from the summit with a renewed determination to push through his ambitious project.
His Christian Democrats (CDU) have published a paper on EU foreign and security policy, demanding that "common European defence policy and defence be made a reality" and calling for the use of national vetoes as "blockade tactics" to be outlawed.
Both positions are anathema to London, but the CDU paper also contradicts the French position on EU foreign and defence policy.
"A majority of member states must not be prevented from carrying out common EU military actions by a minority," the paper states.
Mr Waigel's plan to fine wayward members after the single currency's launch is not popular with the French since they could be among those punished.
EU analysts suspect France will manage its economic data next year to prove its deficit is within the 3 per cent ceiling. But it could not do that over successive years, and so would be vulnerable to fines.

Radiation rise renews fears over Chernobyl

David Hearst in Moscow
ASHARP and unexpected rise in radiation levels in the melted core of Chernobyl's ruined fourth reactor has caused consternation among nuclear experts and highlighted the inadequacy of the international effort to replace the sarcophagus around the molten mass.
The radiation rise was detected on Monday by three of the 10 inside the protective concrete casing. The rise was temporary, and is the third of its kind in the last 10 years.
The official in charge of the sarcophagus, Valentyn Kopyny, said that a decade after the world's worst nuclear accident, they still did not have full control over the nuclear fuel inside the reactor after it had exploded.
Mr Kopyny said: "Everything that is inside has not been fully studied or understood."
The Chernobyl complex, 80 miles north of Kiev, has been a permanent source of controversy, with the West pressing Ukraine to close its two remaining working reactors and Kiev maintaining there is no economically acceptable alternative energy source in sight.
Last year Ukraine promised to shut Chernobyl down by the year 2000, using funds provided by the Group of Seven industrialised countries. The European Commission came up with a \$2 billion aid package, to include the cost of replacing the concrete sarcophagus, which is now cracking, and which But the cost of a new shroud could run into billions of dollars, and the West does not believe Ukraine will be able to stick to the deadline.
The reactor can be sealed from above, but no one knows how stable the structure is underneath and how much fuel is left inside. A German engineering firm, Trischler and Partners, has been drawing up plans for short-term repairs to the existing structure and its eventual replacement.
However, Trischler has made clear that its plans are contingent on the funds that the next G7 summit in November will provide.
Meanwhile, some experts have warned that the structure may collapse.
Chernobyl officials say they are aware of the problems — but do not have the money to do anything about them.
"No one, including our foreign partners, believes the sarcophagus is safe," Mr Kopyny said.

World news in brief

French report shows rise in child sex abuse
REPORTED cases of child sexual abuse in France rose by 23 per cent last year, a figure which experts say can only partly be attributed to increased openness about the subject, writes Alex Duval Smith in Paris.
A report published yesterday by the French National Observatory of Social Work recorded 20,000 cases of child abuse — broken down into sexual, physical and mental abuse — in 1995, against 17,000 in 1994.
The sharpest rise was in sex abuse (22 per cent), followed by physical violence, which rose by 8 per cent. More than 85 per cent of all attacks were carried out by family members; more than 40 per cent by fathers, more than 30 per cent by mothers and 10 per cent by step-fathers.

Kurd leader to meet US official

THE Kurdish leader Massoud Barzani is to meet a senior United States official in Turkey today after his fighters took control of northern Iraq with the backing of troops and tanks from Baghdad, an Iraqi opposition group said yesterday.
The Iraqi Broadcasting Corporation said that Mr Barzani, the head of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, would travel to Turkey tomorrow for talks with Robert Pelletreau, the US assistant secretary of state for near-Eastern affairs.
Last week Mr Barzani's forces conquered most of northern Iraq in fighting with a rival militia led by Jalal Talabani, shattering a US-brokered ceasefire and boosting the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein, in an area beyond his control since the 1991 Gulf war.

Israeli jitters over Golan

THE Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, yesterday said Syrian troop redeployment in Lebanon was an attempt to put pressure on Israel to hand over the occupied territories of the Golan Heights, and would not work.
"What Syria is trying to do is evidently to put psychological pressure on Israel and on its new government," Mr Netanyahu said. "It's not going to work."
Syria has redeployed up to 12,000 troops in Lebanon, some within striking distance of a key Israeli position on the Golan Heights, causing war jitters in the Jewish state.
"We are taking all the necessary measures to defend the security of the country and its citizens," Mr Netanyahu said.
The prime minister, who opposes trading occupied Arab land for peace, said Israel had told Syria "we are interested in resuming the diplomatic talks". — Reuter

A sick woman is turned away by a Baghdad chemist

Washington helped about 2,500 pro-US Kurds flee northern Iraq last weekend in an acknowledgement that it had lost much of its leverage in the mountainous region.
The Kurdish-held north was opened to traffic and goods from the Arab south of Iraq following Mr Barzani's victory. He has not announced any definite political deal with President Saddam. — Reuter

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THAT gentlemanly New York literary agent and self-proclaimed intellectual Andrew Wylie...
I may be a while, alas, before Mr Wylie takes on the Eve Pollard trio...

It may be a while, alas, before Mr Wylie takes on the Eve Pollard trio responsible for Best of Enemies, the publisher of which novel has faxed a list of all pages containing sex...

APRESS release announces an important new area of study. Julia Franks will be holding a weekend workshop exploring the rave culture...

In a timely morale-booster for the Government, the West Cornwall Report, published by St Ives Conservative Association...

LET the bells at Canary Wharf peal out... Last Friday, Mirror Group boss Monty Montgomery cashed in some share options...

POLICE in the north-eastern Brazilian town of Pilar are investigating the death of the leading candidate in the race to become mayor...

3 BILLION ON DESERT PRINCE IN THE 3-30 AT DONGASTON...
A cartoon illustration of a man in a suit holding a briefcase.

Why Today should pull no punches

Commentary
Catherine Bennett

IN IRAQ, we may take it, the interviewing style of the Today programme is not much prized. Saddam Hussein prefers to stage his own appearances...

The poll tax and got rid of Mrs Thatcher. "Let's stay in the real world, can we?" Mawhinney raved. "What you have just suggested to me in front of the nation is that we should dump the Prime Minister..."

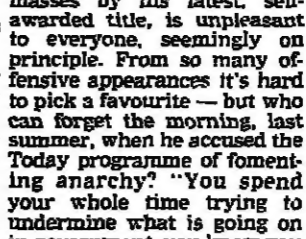
evidence of political bias. Perhaps no one on his staff has dared to present Mawhinney with the evidence of a BBC poll that the only people who appear to share his feelings about the Today programme are over 65 and resident in south-east England...

questioned by James Naughtie, was allowed to pour forth, virtually unchallenged and almost uninterrupted, a stream of meaningless piffle...

It is not the presenters, but their subjects, who get away with being fabulously, insufferably rude

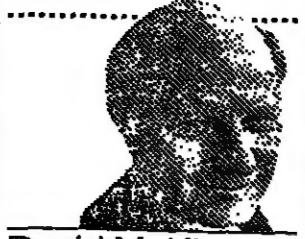
or "challenge". Clark, on the other hand, was treated to a such a variety of curious, mostly disconnected interjections by Anna Ford...

New Labour — for the time being



David McKie

WAS driving through Hackney on Monday night when I suddenly thought of my old friend Joe for merly Joseph — Stubbs...



Jonathan Eyal

Britain?" I asked. "That's only to be expected," said Joe. Interlocking two fingers. "Tony and I are like that. To tell you the honest truth, he resumed, "the word that's begun to worry me isn't socialism. We can easily deal with that. We just call it social-ism. No, the albatross in the Labour aviary..."

Jonathan Eyal argues that the rushed Bosnian elections make the US feel good, but the hard reality is that the divisions and the ethnic cleansing are here to stay

This hollow victory

ALTHOUGH not all the votes in the Bosnian elections have been counted, Western observers and international agencies have pronounced the vote as both fair and useful...

There is little doubt that the Dayton peace accord and the presence of international forces in the Balkans under Nato's command have reduced hostilities and bloodshed to a minimum...

The outcome was an uneasy compromise which made great sense in Western capitals, but which was basically irrelevant for local Bosnian needs...

intimidated, elections for local authorities had to be postponed in the face of massive voter-registration frauds, and a television station established with Western money and intended to allow free publicity for all candidates was prevented from operating by the Bosnian government...

Cyprus has been in this position for two decades; Bosnia is next



from power the war barons; faced with the choice between reconstruction or war, the Bosnians will be sure to elect the angels of peace. Americans have a tradition of believing that any disease, however severe, can be cured with a good election and a new constitution...

reverse the results of this fighting. Nor are the Bosnian strangers to the electoral process: many of the nationalist leaders who have been confirmed in power this week were originally elected in largely free votes five years ago...

to stick to the original timetable decreed by the Dayton accord. So they went through the motions, campaigning for seats in the republic's supposedly multi-ethnic institutions on political platforms that promised precisely the opposite. More importantly, they blocked all attempts to have truly fair elections...

three Bosnian ethnic communities will be invited to attend the UN General Assembly meeting in New York, and will be under immense pressure to cooperate. They may well oblige, for they have a long history of working through sham "federal" institutions...

The US Administration also tacitly accepted that some American military presence will stay in place. The purpose of these troops will be to maintain stability and police the division lines between communities...

The outcome may have been inevitable. But it is a travesty to suggest that it is either honourable or just. The truth remains that ethnic cleansing has succeeded, and territorial changes accomplished by force still work, even in Europe.

Jonathan Eyal is Director of Studies at the Royal United Services Institute in London

ONE thing still bothered me, I told him: "If you were to drop the word 'Labour', what name would you choose? Do we get that in your book?" "Not as such," Joe confessed. "I haven't quite got round to breaking the news to Sarah. But I think I have the answer. This is a new kind of politics, embracing the whole of centre and left-of-centre Britain, not telling folks what is good for them, but treating them as intelligent consumers who know what they want. In a sense, the age of the party is over, we're into post-party politics. We don't need mass organisation — or we won't once we've got state funding. What we need is a blend of intelligent modern leadership with efficient market research, all pointing towards the future. To be honest, I rather favour us calling ourselves the Progressives. It has all the right resonances: emphasis on the new, echoes of Helen Suzman, et cetera..."

"But isn't it what the Tories used to call themselves in the North East?" I inquired. Joe smirked. (He never used to smirk in the old days.) "So?" he said.

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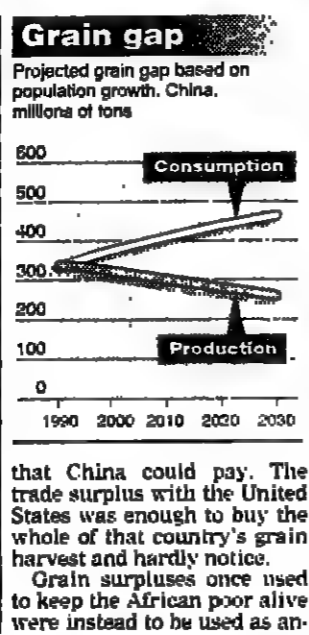
Preparing noodles in Shanghai. As the Chinese grow more wealthy, the theory goes, they'll buy better food. But that could disrupt supplies to the world's poor PHOTOGRAPH: NOBRY CLARK

China syndrome threatens poor

OUTLOOK/A world food price explosion could bring political instability and a trade meltdown. PAUL BROWN reports

FOOD shortages, particularly of grain, are set to double world prices by 2010 causing political instability in poorer countries and changes in the way international trade is organised, City investors heard yesterday.

were used to illustrate his theory. They demanded the best meat, poultry and fish and had the money to pay. It was not that the world could not produce enough food for the poor. It was that rich people demanded to eat more fish, meat and eggs, which all took grain to produce.



The facts
● There are an extra 13 million people a year to feed in China, an extra \$25 million by 2030, roughly twice the present population of the United States

dict that world food supply would continue on the upward trend seen from the 1950s until 1990. Since then it had stopped growing.

prices to double it would bring serious political instability in countries that could not afford to buy into the world market.

Birmingham to host Lions party worth some £40m

BRIMINGHAM, once the workshop of the world, will be transformed into its talking shop in 1998 when 30,000 members of Lions International descend for a six-day get-together. News yesterday that the city would be hosting the world's biggest convention turned the spotlight on a much-misunderstood minority group - Britain's lapel-pin wearers.

And the five-hour parade through the city centre may bestow street cred on pin-wearing. But which pin to wear? A check-list of choice pins would include:

● The Lions themselves: founded in Chicago in 1917, 1.4 million members worldwide; 21,000 in Britain and Ireland. Image was on the 1980s lounge-bar side, but is now younger and less sober. Charity features strongly. Ex-Lions include Jimmy Carter;

Selfridges adds spice to lift hard-hit Sears

SELFRIDGES, the flagship department store on London's Oxford Street, is set to introduce a range of pioneering leisure services to attract shoppers as part of expansion plans by its owner, Sears, to outshine its arch-rival Harrods.

Specific ideas have yet to be agreed, but Mr Strong cited examples in the US of retail centres which include a "virtual reality" arcade or provide health and beauty counselling.

Its chairman, Sir Bob Reid, dismissed speculation about Mr Strong's future, saying he was "an energetic, effective chief executive" who had courageously tackled the problems of Sears.

News in brief

Deutsche Telekom makes debt pledge

DEUTSCHE Telekom yesterday committed itself to a rapid reduction of its huge debt following its stock market debut next month in Europe's largest privatisation. The German state-owned telecom group, whose borrowings soared to over DM100 billion (\$42.5 billion) as it invested heavily to update the former East German telecom network, is the world's 24th largest debtor, coming just ahead of Turkey.

Slide clips Exco shares

MORE than £25 million was wiped off the market value of Exco after the money and bond broker said its first-half profits had fallen and announced a halving to 1.5p. Exco's shares fell 15 per cent to a two-year low after it reported a drop in profit from £16.1 million to £12.1 million and blamed increased competition for declines in trading and on brokerage commission rates. - Reuters

Pain for Taylor Woodrow

TAYLOR Woodrow warned yesterday that the pain in the contracting industry was set to continue. It also criticised the Government's Private Finance Initiative, in which private firms take on public projects. Announcing a rise in operating profit from £16.9 million to £29.4 million in the first half, Colin Parsons, the chairman, said losses in the construction division were cut from £10.7 million to £1.2 million. But he warned that construction remained tough and there was very little profit in it. - Tony May

Pay freeze reaches boiling point

WORKFACE/Seumas Milne on anger over growing wage inequity in the public sector

THE fourth successive annual freeze on the wage and salary bill for five million public service employees announced yesterday by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has lit the fuse for what could turn into an uncontrolled industrial explosion under whichever government is elected next spring.

which cover nearly a third of public sector employees - including school teachers, nurses, doctors, dentists and the armed forces - Mr Clarke adopted an even tougher line than before. Despite the freeze, the public sector pay bill has crept up from \$94 billion in 1993 to \$98.8 billion this year. In an unprecedented step, he warned that next year's settlements should take account of any staged increases agreed this year.

Poor deal

Average weekly manual pay rates compared with industrial cost service rates (Ministry of Defence)

Service	1995	1996
Brigadier	£298.60	£198.57
Electron	£284.20	£216.23
Production fitter	£326.60	£216.23
Fort III driver	£279.30	£181.13
Labourer	£243.20	£157.22

Source: Bank Earnings Survey 1995 TOWU Research Department

Debt blow to Clarke's tax cut hopes

Sarah Ryle

PRESSURE on the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, to leave tax levels on hold in the Budget grew last night as official figures showed that the public finances were £4.5 billion in the red last month.

Mr Clarke has pledged that he will cut taxes only if the public finances and overall economy can sustain them.

Business leaders, however, called on the Chancellor to leave tax levels alone. Unveiling the British Chambers of Commerce annual budget proposals, BCC president David Richardson said: "Government must maintain low inflation and continue its efforts to reduce the PSBR. We need a Budget which will promote sustainable growth."

said: "The PSBR in August needs to be set against the background of the very good July figure."

July was a particularly good month because of a seasonal rise in tax revenues. City analysts warned that the latest figure could lead to an overshoot of about £2.5 billion this year.

Andrew Cates, an economist at UBS, said: "The onset of a general election is unlikely to prove conducive to spending restraint. We expect the spending picture to deteriorate further."

Regardless of whether the target was hit or not, most analysts expected Mr Clarke to cut taxes. David Coleman, economist at CIBC, said: "After all, tax cuts were announced last year when the fiscal outlook was a lot worse."

The August deficit would have been closer to £5 billion if proceeds from the sale of £7 loan stocks were excluded. The underlying PSBR for the first five months of this fiscal year is now £16.1 billion, only slightly lower than the £16.7 billion in the same period last year.

Departmental spending was ahead of the target. Core departmental spending, which excludes privatisation proceeds, rose to 4.5 per cent so far this financial year against the treasury forecast of 2.9 per cent.

After last year's PSBR overshoot, the Treasury said there were problems with VAT receipts. Officials could not explain why they were much lower than forecast and have instigated a review, but it is not completed.

VAT receipts in August fell to £3.3 billion from £4.5 billion in July. Income tax revenue was also lower, due to the reduction in the base rate.

Top 5 executives at Bear Stearns paid record \$81m

Mark Tran in New York

BEAR Stearns, America's sixth largest securities firm, paid a record \$81.3 million (\$35.5 million) to its top five executives as the company enjoyed bumper profits for its 1995/96 financial year.

Three of the executives, including the chairman, Alan Greenberg, each received \$18 million or more for the year ended June 30. The other two were paid \$14.6 million and \$7.7 million.

Large as they were, the payouts were greeted with nonchalance by Wall Street. "That's how the business is designed these days. You do well, you get paid, you don't do well, you don't get paid," one investment banker said.

The last two years have proved a bonanza for Wall Street with many big mergers and acquisitions and plenty of share issues.

doubled its pre-tax profits for the first nine months of its 1996 financial year to \$1.86 billion from \$931 million the previous year and is within striking range of its previous record.

But the industry is hawking itself for a slowdown in trading activity later this year. As for Bear Stearns, the firm doubled its profits to \$490.6 million in 1995, but its share price has lagged behind the 31 per cent gain for the securities industry as a whole.

Senior Bear Stearns executives are paid an annual base salary of \$200,000; the rest is a bonus tied to the firm's profits. Pay for members of the executive committee is based on reaching selected return-on-equity goals. The firm modified its pay structure in 1992 to make it harder to win big bonuses after officials acknowledged that senior executives were overpaid.

Bear Stearns is quite restrained by Wall Street standards. It does not offer stock options nor perks such as corporate apartments, jets, limousines and ski chalets. Mr Greenberg is famous for his memoirs, recently published in book form, urging his staff to save paper clips and not to indulge in extravaganzas.

Reorganisation will distance Swiss Bank from gloom at home

SWISS Bank Corp, Switzerland's third largest bank, is expected to announce a reorganisation of its domestic operations today.

The move is a further step in chief executive Marcel Ospel's plan to separate domestic banking from the international investment banking business, SBC Warburg, and its asset management business.

The announcement comes as all three big Swiss banks are attempting to boost profits by expanding international operations and cutting back on involvement in a saturated Swiss market. They have all been saddled with bad loans tied to falling property prices in Switzerland.



CS First Boston, parent of CS First Boston, announced in June that it is to reorganise its businesses and eliminate 3,500 jobs in Switzerland. Union Bank of Switzerland has said it is looking at options to make its Swiss operations more profitable. In May, Swiss Bank said it would create four new divisions, including separate asset management and private banking units. - Bloomberg

"Lisa Schmidt has decided to hold a lottery in Munich to find her Mr Right. The tickets cost three hundred and fifty pounds each, yet only one has been sold - to her ex-husband."

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The Debt blow
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Wednesday September 18 1996

Racing

Eddery in treble form

Ken Oliver

PAT EDDERY, bidding for his eleventh jockeys' title, practically sealed the championship at Sandown yesterday when notching a hat-trick on Fiji, Rakis and Barnum Sands to take him 21 clear of his nearest rival, Richard Quirin.

Henry Cecil's Fiji was given a 25-1 quote by Ladbrokes for next year's Oaks after making an impressive winning debut in the EBF Maiden Fillies' Stakes. The daughter of Rainbow Quest made virtually all the running and found extra when threatened by Alphabet and others.

She holds a 14-1 entry in the Group One Fillies' Mile at Ascot on September 29, but Cecil, who may be represented by Fleet River, and her owner, Prince Fahd Salman, are likely to field other candidates in that contest.

"She is potentially a nice filly. If she is well she might have another race this season, but I shouldn't think we will be too hard on her this year," said Cecil.

Rakis was an all-weather star at the beginning of the year when he registered four wins at Lingfield and he is proving equally at home on the Sandown turf.

He completed his second win at the track in the Weatherby Racing Handicap, with Eddery leading two furlongs out to beat Don't Get Caught by half a length.

Linda Stubbs, who trains the tough six-year-old, said: "He likes coming off the bend and a strong pace and Pat said he would have won eas-



Just wanted... Pat Eddery wins on Rakis, middle leg of his hat-trick at Sandown yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH FRANK BARON

Motor Racing

Hill-Stewart dream ticket looks fanciful

JACKIE STEWART, the triple world champion, yesterday acknowledged that it would be a "dream come true" if he could tempt Damon Hill to drive for his new grand prix team in 1997. Stewart's Ford machine will make its world championship debut at the start of next season.

"It would be wonderful to have him," said Stewart. "He would bring the No. 1 as world champion as well as enormous skill, experience and tactical acumen developed with a top team. He is an extremely well-balanced person who has tremendous skills and talents in developing motor cars and knows the workings of a top team."

"He has many other offers coming from more well-established teams. I am sure his head is turned by that as well as the money. We may not be able to afford him, but if we did it would be a fairytale."

Ideally Stewart would like to sign Hill as his lead driver and pair him with a promising younger man. Privately he acknowledges that his chances of securing Hill's services are remote and he may have to rely instead on two rising stars, such as Denmark's Jan Magnussen and the Scot David Brabham, both of whom have cut their teeth in junior formulae while driving for Paul Stewart Racing, the associate team founded by Jackie Stewart's elder son.

For Hill's part, joining Stewart Grand Prix would entail considerable professional risk. The team's new car will not be ready until December and Stewart has talked in realistic terms of hoping to

score a handful of world championship points in 1997. Moreover, with Hill having recently said that he needs to be "in the most competitive car available" next season, it is unlikely that the new Stewart-Ford machine will fit the bill, at least initially.

Speculation continues to suggest that Hill, who was 36 yesterday, is negotiating seriously with the Silverstone-based Jordan-Peugeot team, whose sponsors are keen for him to line up alongside Ralf Schumacher.

Stewart, who partnered Hill's late father Graham in the BRM team in the 1960s and 1990s seasons, was speaking at a press conference in London to announce a £25 million, five-year sponsorship deal with the Hong Kong and Shanghai banking group.

"This amounts to one fifth of the estimated £25 million-a-year budget that Stewart will need. In addition to his work-engine deal with Ford, to field two cars in next year's world championship, inevitably Stewart is still looking for even further sponsorship of similar amounts. Yesterday's financial injection would barely cover Hill's financial aspirations, at Williams he is reputedly being paid £5 million for this season, an investment he hopes to reward by clinching the world championship in Sunday's Portuguese Grand Prix.

Hill, passed over by Williams for next season in favour of the German Heinz-Farald Villeneuve, takes a 18-point lead over his team mate Jacques Villeneuve into the penultimate event at Estoril.

Sandown runners and riders with form guide

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- 4.00 Barwick Profile
- 4.30 Harry Walton
- 5.10 Lham

Double Splendour for Fallon Results

KIEREN FALLON, who is enjoying a tremendous season with 120 winners to date, has been booked to ride Double Splendour in Saturday's Ayr Gold Cup.

Faul Fatigue, who trains the six-year-old, said: "Kevin Darley has to go to Ireland so we snatched up Kieren. "He was happy to ride him and we are happy to have him."

Coastal Bluff has regained his position as favourite for the big Scottish sprint with all major firms, with Coral's offering top price of 13-2 with a run.

Mick Channon, the Lambourn trainer, is on target at Milan yesterday when his newcomer Poseidon, ridden by Richard Hughes, landed the six-furlong Premio Giubato.

Henry Candy, the Wantage trainer, says that Evening Performance, who won in Ireland last Saturday, is on course for another tilt at the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp on October 6.

He is hoping the mare will be able to improve on last year's effort when third behind Rever Golf Rose in the Group One five-furlong contest.

"She is in good form after Ireland and still seems to be improving, as fillies often do in the autumn," said Candy.

Blinkered today for the first time: BEVERLEY: 4.15

Exemption, Nor Esprit, 4.50 Risky Flight; 5.20 Mamolo. SANDOWN: 2.15 Red Carpet, Swift Refusal; 4.25 Regal Equity; 5.30 In the Band. YARMOUTH: 2.00 El Barador; 4.35 Mujant; 5.10 Access Adventurer.

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Coca-Cola Cup, second round: Brentford 1, Blackburn 2

Blackburn scrape to first victory

Martin Thorpe

RAY of sunshine broke through the cloud over Blackburn Rovers last night as the Premier side basked in the relief of their first win of a grey season...

some neat moves, there was little threat on Flowers's goal. Blackburn nipped down the other end and showed them how it was done...

ward more quickly, shoot on sight and really drive at the Blackburn defence. It took a class save from Flowers, diving low to his right, to push away Asaba's stinging shot...



Knowing the score... Gary Filcroft celebrates Blackburn's first goal against Brentford at Griffin Park last night

Lincoln City 4, Manchester City 1

Ominous for Bassett

David Hopps

DAVE BASSETT will spend the next 48 hours considering whether to risk taking over the managerial post at Maine Road...

him from becoming cup-tied to allow room for manoeuvre in the transfer market. Lincoln, though, were a goal down in precisely 41 seconds...

making him fumble, but Holmes's header was allowed to stand. Fleming's long throw for Lincoln had not been defended with any conviction...

Preston North End 1, Tottenham Hotspur 1

Holt strikes late to surprise Spurs

Ian Ross

AN OCCASION that Deepdale had so eagerly anticipated was to peak early, at least for Tottenham...

able damage is very real. Tottenham are as adept at minnow-swallowing as any of the English game's big fish...

Preston's football is neither complex nor liable to sink beneath the weight of any great tactical input. When a team is trading water in the Second Division's deep end...

Had Preston not attempted to emulate Anderson's feat they might have fared better. Their insistence on drilling in hopeful shots from great distance was either grand folly or sheer desperation...

Although hardly renowned for his level of consistency, he performed admirably and he for his safe hands Preston's fate would certainly have been sealed within four minutes of the second half opening...

Scarborough 0, Leicester City 2

Izzet there and seashiders despair

Michael Walker

AN EARLY Leicester goal robbed this underwhelming tie of its shock potential last night, and it will take a wretched performance at Filbert Street next Wednesday if Leicester are to throw this away...

sighed, Scarborough had shown useful upset form in this competition in recent times, with Coventry and Chelsea among their scalp...

Record £7m profits for Rangers

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RANGERS more than quadrupled trading profits to a record £7.1 million and increased turnover by 55 per cent in the year ended May 31 1996...

Lineker suffers Crazy Gang's verbal sting

Russell Thomas on a verbal war between Wimbledon and soccer's 'Mr Nice Guy'

WIMBLEDON united behind their captain Vince Jones yesterday to launch a stinging attack on soccer's 'Mr Nice Guy' Gary Lineker...

TV sports presenter reopened conflict with Jones and his club. In an interview in this week's Radio Times the former England captain was in no doubt about his strong opinions...

strange bloke" — and Lineker's former England colleague Paul Gascoigne, who "has an in-built self-destruct button, like a naughty schoolboy"...

and in a war he would have been the first to line up behind Vinnie Jones — and the first to run for cover...

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Table of football results for the Coca-Cola Cup, including matches like Brentford 1, Blackburn 2 and Lincoln City 4, Manchester City 1.

Scottish COCA-COLA CUP

Table of Scottish football results for the Coca-Cola Cup.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

Table of Nationwide League results.

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Birmingham's striker relishes return to Highfield Road for Coca-Cola Cup tie

Furlong is anxious to show Coventry what they missed

THE Birmingham striker Paul Furlong returns to the club which gave him his first taste of professional soccer tonight when Trevor Francis's First Division side visit their Premiership neighbours Coventry in a Coca-Cola second-round tie...

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Soccer

Hodde calls players for extra time

David Lacey

GLENN HODDE is to test the commitment of the Premiership clubs to England's cause with a nine-day build-up to the World Cup qualifier against Poland at Wembley on October 9.

out, moreover, resumed playing on their return. Though the likes of Steve McManis, Robbie Fowler and Steve Howey were carrying injuries, the feeling is growing that the Football Association should introduce a rule barring a man who cannot appear for his country from playing in his club's next fixture.

Souness in move for Kuka

GRAEME SOUNESS hopes to have two new foreign signings in his Southampton team for next Monday's televised game with Wimbledon.

the 22-year-old in action for the German club Kaiserslautern last week.

Winterburn keeps Gunners shell-shocked

David Lacey on the latest wave of disgrace in Arsenal's sea of troubles

ARSENE WENGER arrives from Japan on September 30 to take the managerial reins at Highbury. But can Arsenal hang on for another 12 days without being overtaken by some new disaster?

spirit which typified the Arsenal teams of old. Mercier would have warned to Ian Wright, except that with his terrible memory for names he would probably have kept calling him Billy.



Putting a positive spin on things... Geoff Cook is sure Durham will come good when they surmount their problems of injury and inexperience

Cook's tour a bumpy ride

Mike Selvey meets the embattled coaching director of Durham, the county side with only a one-day win to their name all season

THE Riverside Ground at Chester-le-Street looked sensational. The flags on the sunlit headquarters of Durham County Cricket Club streamed out like those at a mediaeval fair, and under a clear blue sky a groundsman's tractor scurried back and forth across one of the biggest playing areas in the land.

than most," Cook said. "Simon Brown has been heroic for five seasons now, but John Wood missed almost all last season with a stress fracture and Steven Lugden too — a loss not just to Durham but to England, because he is a very quick bowler. All counties suffer injuries but at the moment our resources are thinner than theirs."

Whether Boon takes over the helm with Cook still in place has yet to be decided, however. Cricket is less cavalier than football at hiring and firing, but the Durham committee and the enthusiastic supporters are impatient for progress.

signings in the medium term would be restricted to players no longer wanted by their counties, and it is not easy to filter out promising cricketers looking for opportunity — the Iranis, say — from those with no future. Few ambitious players, moreover, will be tempted to join habitual wooden-spoon clubs. It is chicken and egg.

Membership remains strong but is down by almost 1,000 on last year, a slide which needs halting. Cook's contract will be debated in the next month or so, and a new-broom policy may win the day.

Lillee rejects Lancashire, Hick rejects winter offers

DENNIS LILLEE has turned down Lancashire's invitation to become their head coach. He coaches Australia's emerging players at the Academy in Adelaide and has failed to overcome contractual problems with the Australian Cricket Board.

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Rugby League

Saracens make a move for Hallas

SARACENS are hoping to make their first major rugby league signing by recruiting the Halifax Blue Sox centre Graeme Hallas from under the noses of Oldham Bears. Oldham have been given permission to approach Hallas but he looks certain to change codes when his contract expires at the end of the year.

Western Samoan prop Esene Falimalo and the former Great Britain back-rower Richie Eyres, who is currently playing rugby union with Sale.

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Sport in brief

Boxing Telford's Richie Woodhall will fight for the WBC world middleweight title on October 19. The new date for the bout against the holder, Keith Holmes, in Washington DC averts a threat of legal action against the American's manager Don King and the WBC by Woodhall's manager Mickey Duff.

Sailing The Royal Ocean Racing Club has announced a transatlantic race from Boston to Guernsey next May, writes Bob Fisher. It will serve as a qualifying race for Whitbread 60-class racing aiming to take part in the Whitbread Round the World Race later next year.

Cricket The veteran seamer Steve Barwick is one of four players being released by Glamorgan. The Welsh county are also releasing the slow left-armers Neil Kendrick and the young batsmen Alistair Dalton and James Williams.

holes she decided not to aggravate the injury and returned to the clubhouse in a buggy.

Manchester Giants have signed the Texas-born forward Mabeba Perry. The 24-year-old moves to the Budweiser League after spells in Portugal, Sweden and Spain.

Rugby Union

Wales oil pack with Voyle

Robert Armstrong

WALES have declined to draft former stars, who have returned to union from league, into their side for next Wednesday's international against France at Cardiff Arms Park. The two changes from the side that beat the Barbarians last month see Llanelli's Mike Voyle brought in for Derwyn Jones, the 6ft 10in Cardiff lock, and the Cardiff back-row Hemi Taylor for Kingsley Jones of Ebbw Vale.

Wales will seek their third successive home win against France after victories in 1984 and last March, when 11 of the side named yesterday shared in a 16-15 triumph. "We need to give our supporters value for money," said Bowring. "It costs a lot to come to international matches nowadays. The Welsh Rugby Union expects a crowd of 30,000."



Voyle... athletic assets

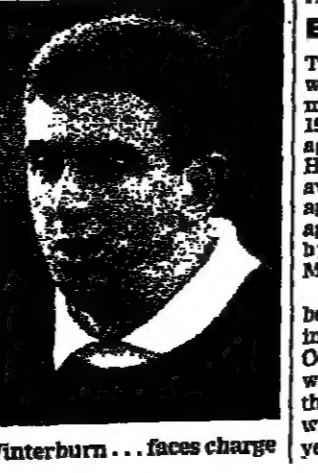
Adams fined for stamping

PHIL ADAMS, the Bristol lock, last night became the first player in Britain to be fined for breach of contract since the game turned professional. The 33-year-old Adams was docked some £3,000, the equivalent of six match fees, by the Courage League One club's disciplinary committee in the wake of a stamping incident in the defeat at Northampton on Saturday.

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Winterburn... faces charge

SportsGuardian

EVERTON AND BLACKBURN REOPEN TALKS FOR UNHAPPY BAYERN STRIKER



Goodbye to all that... but Jürgen Klinsmann, who startled Tottenham when he left White Hart Lane 15 months ago, may soon be back in the Premiership

England on Klinsmann alert

Ian Ross on moves to bring the superstar German back to Premiership football

EVERTON and Blackburn Rovers have reopened negotiations aimed at bringing Jürgen Klinsmann back to English football 15 months after he walked out on Tottenham. Reports that the German is now utterly disenchanted

with life at Bayern Munich have prompted the English clubs to talk again discreetly with the army of advisers and representatives protecting Klinsmann's interests. But the distinct possibility that the 33-year-old may opt to play out the final days of his career in England may well

encourage several other Premiership clubs to toss their hats — and cheque-books — into the ring. He remains one of the most coveted players in world football, and he has an escape clause in his Bayern contract allowing him to leave with a bare minimum of notice. Leeds United, Arsenal and possibly Chelsea would find it difficult not to be interested in one of the few players capable of selling tickets for

even the most unattractive fixture. Klinsmann joined Tottenham in the summer of 1984, scoring 29 goals in 50 games en route to becoming the Football Writers' Association Player of the Year. He surprisingly departed for Bayern in a £2 million deal at the end of his first, and only, season at White Hart Lane. Reports suggesting that Klinsmann's departure from Munich was imminent began

to trickle out of Germany towards the end of last week after Bayern's defence of the Uefa Cup opened with a crushing 3-0 defeat by the Spanish side Valencia. By the weekend the trickle had become a torrent, with stories of internal conflicts, irreconcilable differences and irreparably bruised egos. For the second time in his career, Klinsmann is at loggerheads with the 58-year-old Italian Giovanni Trapattoni, one of the game's most respected coaches. The pair's working relationship during their time at Internazionale was all but disastrous and Trapattoni's return to the Munich club this season has seen old wounds reopened. Last week Trapattoni publicly suggested the striker was something of a brainless footballer who raced about the pitch to no good effect. That comment, coupled with the coach's decision to substitute Klinsmann in four of Bayern's last six matches, has fuelled speculation that a parting of the ways is inevitable. That news was warmly welcomed at Goodison Park and Ewood Park, where contin-

gency plans to sign Klinsmann were first drawn up after Euro 96. Everton were the first to inquire officially but, despite the offer of a one-year contract worth an estimated £1.4 million, Klinsmann insisted he wanted to remain in Germany. Blackburn made their move soon afterwards when Alan Shearer moved to Newcastle United for £15 million. Again Klinsmann declined the offer. Blackburn's manager Ray Harford still has to find a replacement for Shearer and with his club currently at the foot of the Premiership he may be willing to meet any financial demand made by the German. At Everton, Joe Royle has an estimated £10 million at his disposal as he seeks a strike partner for the Scottish international Duncan Ferguson. Royle said yesterday: "It's quite possible we will have to go abroad because of the lack of the type of player we need in this country." Reports in Germany yesterday also hinted at interest from several clubs in the North American Soccer League.

Memories of a morose master of golf



Vincent Hanna

WHEN I read of plans to augment the four major golf championships and create a World Tour, I thought of Ben Hogan, who was 84 last month. Don't misunderstand me, I am keen on the new tour, it is high time that the Sony Rankings were used as entry qualification for the majors. It's just that I wonder how long it will be before the name of a sponsor is added to the title. Which is why I thought of Hogan; that and a new biography by Curt Sampson. In 1990 the USPGA started a tour for the top losers in the annual qualifying school, and called it after Hogan. Three years later it was renamed the Nike Tour. I asked my brother to hunt through the family attic, and he came up with three rare treasures from our childhood. First out was a dog-eared copy of My Father Ben Hogan, by Jimmy Demaret, himself a fine player in the 1940s, who dressed like a peach Melba. Somehow he got on with the taciturn, monochromatic Hogan and they played four-ball competitions together. Demaret's book tells you as much about Hogan's inner self as Sampson does — and that is precious little. Come back to 1953. On July 21 Hogan was given a ticker-tape parade on Broadway to celebrate four months' hard work. In that time he played six tournaments and won five. They included the US Masters; the US Open at Oakmont; and, on his only playing visit to the UK, the Open Championship at Carnoustie, for which he earned the princely sum of £550. He beat great players such as Snead, Locke, De Vicenzo and Nelson. His total prizemoney for 1953 was £10,310. Yet he played in constant pain, the legacy of a near-fatal car crash in 1948 that shattered his legs, pelvis and left shoulder.

paces to retrieve one. Hogan would hit 50 more. Sometimes his hands bled. He was surly, distant, and made no concessions to status. "What is the secret of winning the US Open, Mr Hogan?" Nick Faldo asked him. "Shoot the lowest score," he grunted. "I read your book, Mr Hogan," said a fan. "but it didn't help me much." "Better read it again," replied Hogan. Quite so. There was my second treasure: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf, written with Herb Warren Wind, with superb drawings by the medical illustrator Anthony Ravielli. It is still the finest book of golf instruction ever written. "Visualise the backswing plane as a large pane of glass that rests on the shoulders as it inclines upward from the ball. If the average golfer will only start his downswing with his hips, what a world of difference this will make." Gene Sarazen called Hogan "perpetually hungry". He was a recluse, and an obsessive. "I dreamed one time that I made 17 holes-in-one and on the 18th hole I flipped the cup. I was madder than hell." "Never take the room next to Ben's," said Sam Snead, "his damn putting practice will keep you awake all night."

MY THIRD souvenir was a magazine with maybe the most famous golf photo ever taken (Sampson's book describes it but doesn't show it). It is from the US Open at Merion in 1950. Hogan's comeback had made all the front pages, and LIFE magazine sent Fry Pasika, the leading sports photographer in the United States. Hogan stood on the 72nd tee, his legs swollen and stiff, needing a four to tie. The 18th at Merion is 448 yards (the equivalent of 492 with modern equipment). Hogan's drive left him 210 yards from the pin. He slowly unpacked his one-iron, as Pasika scrambled to get behind him. It is still dramatic to see that full, tense, follow-through, the extra spike in each shoe, the ball drilling towards the hole. Hogan two-putted from 20 feet, tied Lloyd Mangrum, and won the play-off. Ben Hogan disdained yardage books, golf gloves, sponsors, monograms and blisbit to his life he neither borrowed nor lent anything. They did not love him but they still speak his name with awe. It would be a good gesture to call the new World Tour after him. After all, he would have dominated it. *Hogan, by Curt Sampson; Rutledge Hill Press £14.99

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THE WORLD AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF EUROPE'S FREE THINKERS

LIVING BY THEIR OWN RULES

... a woman who has been described as a lottery you married them by accident, you may not meet them by accident. It is all down to chance. With this uncertainty principle in mind, Lisa Schmidt, 27, has decided to hold a lottery in Munich to find her Mr Right. The tickets cost 350 pounds each, yet only one has been sold to her ex-husband. If no other tickets come forward, looks like it will be good old circumstance rather than chance that will win the day.

TICKET TO RIDE

... out of its tree

... all those who never tire of sipping at anecdotes of Norwegian midget club Missa has decided to raise its stakes in a bid to break down centuries of tradition and anonymity. We heard, mewing, but couldn't figure out where it was coming from, and Missa's owner, Bert Hovde, also mewed, then asked the world's most famous midget club to help the day when Missa's midgets make their first attempt to fly.

PLAYING BY THEIR OWN RULES

Guardian Crossword No 20,761

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Across

- Donkey given quarter in happiness at acknowledgment (4,8)
- Solomon with Scottish titles' backing (4,3)
- Cheerful person in pub between monarchs in 1852 (7)
- Literature: What comes between Fo and Rose? (7)
- Old washer — for curmudgeonly castanet? (4-3)
- Likely to tell of what they knew systematically (5)
- One who disregarded information returned by Hannibal (9)
- Types of chair used in motor (6,3)
- Note one drop, or vice versa (5)
- Vehicle in first century held by fairy queen (7)
- Gang set out to feed goldfish? (3'1,3)
- Dealt with weeds oneself at country dance (7)
- State of depression at what's on the 'lead of Cliff Richard? (1,3,3)
- Eleganza divorced in the cinema (7,5)

Down

- Daily keeping saint to the point a few minutes ago (4,3)
- Play-acting when the Queen Mother's about (7)
- Be familiar (as I'm being) with the United Kingdom and a revolution (3,6)
- A funny thing happened next day (5)

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 6 A wee dram for the bairn? (4,3)
 7 Mark aura when mark changes (5,7)
 10 Dress right to face Lincoln (6,6)
 15 Live with my mother in an inn with electromagnetic streams (5,4)
 17 Pleased with what's inside (7)
 18 Deed on shield could be closer to the left (7)
 19 Wesleyan convert to do rhyme (7)
 20 NHS founder on the subject of religious education (7)
 22 Minimum Council tax payers (5)

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